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ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

This invention relates to an automated test system for ~~the~~ remote testing of applications and devices, especially in dynamic environments. It provides for ~~the~~ automation of the testing process and for functional independence at every level of the testing process. The invention is particularly suited for remote testing over a network such as the ~~internet~~ Internet. ~~To achieve its purpose,~~ In one embodiment, the invention provides a test generation ~~means~~ device for generating ~~the~~ tests and executing the testing, which is connected to a data storage ~~means~~ device that contains information about testable items and test scenarios for the testable items, as well as the results of testing. The image builder ~~means~~ device provides a centralized image building facility for converting the tests into an executable form.